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# SNARS COVID-19 FUN STUFF

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Formerly SNARS Coronavirus Bored as Hell Antidote!

## PRODUCT REVIEW: THE G5RV ANTENNA A HISTORY OF -

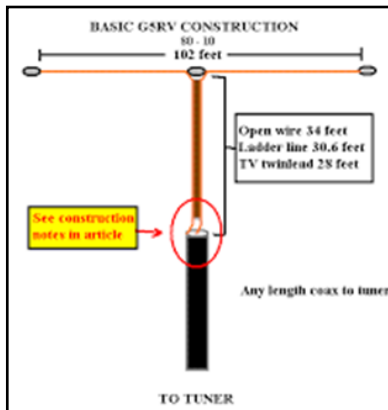
Louis Varney (G5RV) invented this antenna in 1946. It is very popular in the United States. The antenna can be erected as horizontal dipole, as sloper, or an inverted-V antenna. With a transmatch, it can operate on all HF amateur radio bands (3.5–30 MHz). Tens of thousands of these antennas are used worldwide. They are made by dozens of companies in all sizes, shapes and ratings.

G5RV's Background:

<https://www.mpoweruk.com/papers/G5RV.pdf>

With the use of a tuner the antenna works well on 3.5 - 28mhz. A great multiband, inexpensive antenna systems that beginner and old timer can enjoy! Other useful info:

<https://www.onallbands.com/should-you-use-a-g5rv-antenna/>



**HOW TO: DXing FOR DUMMIES** by Ward Silver NOAX - One of the great interests in our hobby is communicating all over the world and making new friends! Ward gives some of his thoughts to becoming a better operator. Chasing DX is fun!

<https://www.dummies.com/programming/electronics/delving-into-dx-ing/>

<http://www.arrl.org/chasing-dx>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypyQXWnCqC0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyxkp60KISY>

You can keep your station simple or spend \$\$\$\$ you can still have fun working DX.



This...

## RADIO HISTORY: FAMOUS HAM GUS BROWNING W4BPD

One of the great DXers and gentlemen of our hobby. Known as the Coca Cola man, (he always had a supply when operating). He traveled the world to put a rare country on the air! Gus was also the first ham inducted into the DX Hall of Fame.



<https://www.onallbands.com/gus-browning-w4bpd-sk/>

Please read about some of his DX expeditions next.

<http://dxcc.info/eng21/index.htm>

[http://www.cqdx.ru/ham/ham\\_radio/hall-of-fame-mr-radio-w4bpd-and-gus-m-browning-three-names-one-person/](http://www.cqdx.ru/ham/ham_radio/hall-of-fame-mr-radio-w4bpd-and-gus-m-browning-three-names-one-person/)

He will be remembered fondly .....



Or this!

Till next time, stay tuned!

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